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Brittney, heart transplant recipient. Read her story on page 4.



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THE STATE OF THE FOUNDATION



Steve Farber



Heidi A. Heltzel

It is with great pride and appreciation that we present to you the 2007 Annual Report for the American Transplant Foundation. In this, our first annual report, you will find a review of our accomplishments since our inception, as well as our vision for the future.

The Foundation has been able to forge new ground in advancing support for organ and tissue donation. Making organ donor registration more mainstream has been a primary goal, which has been approached by identifying new ways for people to register their intent to be a donor, such as when filing State income taxes.

Our efforts have also included community-based education and outreach programs. By reaching out to ethnic communities, we are able to customize messaging that resonates, and which provides important information about the medical facts leading to the disparity in needing, and receiving, life-saving transplants among ethnic groups.

Supporting medical advancements is another important component of the Foundation's goals. On September 29, 2007, the Foundation pledged a gift of \$1,000,000 to endow a Chair of Transplant Surgery at the University of Colorado Hospital. This endowment provides perpetual funding to transplant programs, brings additional national and international exposure to recruit top transplant surgeons and provides an ability to dedicate research to the field.

On behalf of the board members, staff and volunteers of the American Transplant Foundation, we wish to thank you, our donors, corporate sponsors and foundations for your continued commitment.

Steve Farber, *Chairman*, American Transplant Foundation

Heidi A. Heltzel, *Executive Director*, American Transplant Foundation

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Transplant Foundation is a national non-profit organization that works to increase the donation of organs and tissue to reduce the growing list of men, women and children who are awaiting a lifesaving transplant.

ABOUT US

History

Founded in 2005 by Steve Farber, Heidi Heltzel, and Dr. Laurence Chan, the American Transplant Foundation is a tax exempt, 501(c)(3), charitable organization. Following his own transplant experience, Denver attorney Steve Farber was inspired to create a foundation that would bring added value to the transplant community.

Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is to coordinate collaborative efforts to promote the advancement of organ and tissue donation. In applying this methodology, the Foundation has successfully facilitated a number of programs and events in collaboration with other organizations to promote the cause.

Goals

The American Transplant Foundation has identified three goals to achieve its mission: to develop more mainstream opportunities for people to register as donors, to provide education and awareness through community-based outreach programs, and to support medical and clinical advancements in transplantation.

FACT:

**MORE THAN
100,000 PEOPLE
IN THE
UNITED STATES
ARE ON THE
WAITING LIST
FOR A
LIFESAVING
ORGAN
TRANSPLANT.**

BRITTNEY'S STORY



When I race around the track in another 400 meter dash, I don't think much about my racing heartbeat. But my mom does.

I came into the world on October 26, 1990. But the moment of joy most parents dream of became the nightmare all parents dread. I was less than one day old when the doctors discovered I had a rare, life-threatening heart condition called hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which basically means the left side of my heart didn't develop right. It was untreatable.

I was rushed to another nearby hospital, but there, the prognosis wasn't any better. The doctors told my mom to take me home, that there was nothing they could do to help. They told her I was going to die.

My mom isn't the kind to give up easily, so as the days passed, she kept looking for help. Oddly enough, she found it in *People Magazine* where there was an article about a baby who received a heart transplant. Back then, those procedures were still pretty rare. But my mom was willing to do whatever

she could, so she took me to Loma Linda University Medical Center in California.

Twenty-six days later, a baby boy named Danny gave me my second chance. He died in an accident, and his parents had the courage to see past their own grief to donate his heart to me.

Now, 18 years later, no one would probably guess that my life's beginning was so tenuous. These days, I'm just a normal teenager—except that I really like school. I think I want to become a psychologist so I can help families with the struggles that affect them every day. Most days I hang out with my friends, and I also enjoy

curling up on the couch for another episode of *The Bachelorette*. I love my 12-year-old brother Bryce, but he drives me crazy sometimes. And there just isn't anything better than a big, hot plate of Italian food.

But every time I take my transplant medication, I know I'm a little different—and a lot luckier—than many. I got a second chance, and I want that to mean something. So when my friends are hanging out at the mall, my mom and I are often somewhere giving a presentation about the importance of organ donation.

My new heart is strong, and I keep it that way by running in track and field. Since 2000, I've competed in the Transplant Games all over the world, from Thailand to France. My mom embarrasses me when she brags about my medals, but I'm proud of them, too. I've sent many of my medals to Danny's family. It's the least I can do considering the life that they have given me.

It's hard to believe that someone had to die in order for me to live. I think about that a lot. And I'm trying to make that gift mean something bigger.

I hope I succeed.



“When I was two months old, I was only heartbeats away from the end of my life. After my heart transplant, I was at the beginning.”

— Brittney

*Story by Gabrielle Johnston
Photographs by Steve Nowland /
Rich Clarkson & Associates*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



*Heidi Heltzel, Steve Farber and Governor Bill Ritter
(Joshua Duplechian / Rich Clarkson & Associates)*

The Foundation has successfully connected with the community to increase donor registration and education, and to raise funds to support these efforts. All donations have come from individuals, corporate sponsors and foundations and are directed toward achieving our three primary goals that will ultimately reduce the transplant waiting list. Those goals are to develop mainstream opportunities for donor registration, to provide education and awareness programs, and to support medical and clinical advancements.

DEVELOPING MAINSTREAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR DONOR REGISTRATION

Donor Registration through State Income Tax Filings

The Foundation is making organ and tissue donor registration more mainstream by developing new methods and opportunities for individuals to register their intent. By thinking outside the box to identify such methods, the Foundation worked with the Colorado Department of Revenue to include a donor registry form in the State income tax booklet. Colorado tax filers now have the opportunity to register as a donor when they fill out either the State-printed tax booklet or file online. This successful pilot project demonstrated an increase in registrations that were directly linked to the tax booklet.

Electronic Donor Registration Enabled through Legislation

The Foundation participated in the drafting and passage of House Bill 07-1266, Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. Introduced during the First Regular Session of the Sixty-Sixth General Assembly, the Foundation's Executive Director, Heidi Heltzel, testified in favor of the legislation before both the House and Senate Committees on Health and Human Services. Sponsored by Representative Anne McGihon and Senator Brandon Shaffer, the legislation was enacted by the legislature.

As the first significant update of the existing Act in 20 years, the legislation strengthened first person consent and clarified the ability to register as an organ and tissue donor online by recognizing electronic signatures. It also provided clarifications to who may make and receive anatomical gifts, the process for procuring organs, and reinforced the prohibition on the sale or purchase of an organ, an eye or tissue of a human being.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS

The Foundation promoted organ and tissue donation awareness through a variety of community-based outreach and educational programs.

Diabetes Expo

Diabetes, the leading cause of chronic kidney failure, has been increasing in the United States at an alarming rate. To help educate diabetes patients about the effects of the disease on their bodies, the Foundation had a booth at the Diabetes Expo in March of 2006 and 2007. Volunteers answered questions about how diabetes, and one's management of the disease, can affect whether or not they will need a transplant in their lifetime. An estimated 5,000 people attended the expo, many of whom stopped by our booth.

National Donate Life Month – April

Throughout the month of April, in both 2006 and 2007, the Foundation reached out across Colorado to raise awareness.

In 2006, the Foundation enlisted the support of United States Senator Ken Salazar, Congresswoman Diana DeGette, Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, and then Colorado Governor Bill Owens. Each participated in individual, exclusive press conferences at area landmarks to convey the importance of the cause. Area residents were invited to attend registration drives and to learn more about organ and tissue donation, blood donation, bone marrow donation and living donation.

In 2007, Colorado Governor Bill Ritter provided a Public Service Announcement to promote organ and tissue donation that was aired on CBS-4 in Colorado. As part of that initiative, the Foundation partnered with Safeway to educate the public about organ and tissue donation. Throughout the month of April, Safeway distributed over 10,000 donor registry cards along with donor information at each of its 123 pharmacies throughout Colorado.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The Foundation partnered with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the American Diabetes Association and Donor Alliance to provide targeted education to the Latino community during Hispanic Heritage Month in September. Coordinated press releases, materials and booths at the festival in Denver's City Park provided streamlined and well-rounded messaging. Information was geared specifically toward the Latino community with written materials provided in both Spanish and English.



Volunteers pass out educational information about donation.

(Joshua Duplechian / Rich Clarkson & Associates)

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Colorado Colfax Marathon

Leading a healthy lifestyle is such an important part of our messaging that it was a natural fit for the Foundation to have a presence at the second annual Colorado Colfax Marathon held in May. Safeway donated booth space at the Colorado Convention Center where Foundation volunteers answered questions and distributed information to many of the athletes and visitors who came to the hall for race registration.

Aspen Institute Health Forum

The American Transplant Foundation was a Forum Partner to the Aspen Institute's inaugural Health Forum, held in Aspen, Colorado, October 3–6, 2007. More than 100 thought leaders in medical science and health policy — including Nobel Prize recipients, prominent National Institutes of Health officials and other top experts — probed the most challenging issues and exciting developments in modern medicine and how they can be used to bring about better health for everyone.

This public forum provided attendees the opportunity to exchange ideas with some of the foremost leaders in medical science and health. It is one of the few places where a lay audience can learn about medical science and its vital implications for their lives, investments, and political interests.

The Foundation collaborated with the Institute on development of the panel discussion ***Organ Transplantation: Advances, Barriers and Ethics***. Sir Roy Calne, who represented the Foundation on the panel, is an internationally recognized transplant surgeon and pioneer who participated in revolutionizing transplant through the implementation of immunosuppression. Calne was knighted by the Queen of England in 1986 for his contributions to the field of transplantation.

Additionally, the Foundation hosted ***Art, Science and Transplantation***, an exclusive art exhibition and cocktail reception with original works by Sir Roy Calne and Nora Chase. A diverse selection from Calne's collection was showcased, including emotional portraits of his transplant patients, portraits honoring noteworthy medical colleagues, and scenes of the operating room. The art exhibition and reception were generously sponsored by Novartis.



*The start line of the 2007 Colorado Colfax Marathon
(Marathon Foto)*



*Dr. Igal Kam, Steve Farber, Sir Roy Calne and Dr.
Laurence Chan*

SUPPORTING MEDICAL AND CLINICAL ADVANCEMENTS IN TRANSPLANTATION

Endowment

On September 29, 2007, during the ribbon cutting ceremony of the newly constructed, world-class transplant center at the Anschutz Medical Center, the Foundation announced its gift of \$1 million for the Igal Kam Endowment for a Chair of Transplant Surgery at the University of Colorado Hospital.

Acknowledging the Hospital's standard of excellence, this endowment provides perpetual funding to support the transplant program, enables the recruitment of top surgeons, supports the dedication of resources for research, and supports improvements to the program and facilities. Fulfilling this financial commitment in the next few years is a fundraising priority.

FACT:

ONE DONOR
CAN SAVE
UP TO EIGHT
LIVES

THROUGH ORGAN
DONATION,
AND CAN SAVE
OR ENHANCE UP TO 100 LIVES
THROUGH TISSUE DONATION.



The University of Colorado Hospital at the Anschutz Medical Campus

EVENTS

Our events not only raise money to support our programs, but by their very nature provide awareness and education to support our mission.

2007 EVENTS:

Ride of Your Life

In conjunction with National Donate Life Month, the Foundation hosted the premier showing of the documentary film, *Ride of Your Life*, about Olympic Medalist and American Transplant Foundation board member, Chris Klug. Klug's story is amazing because just 18 months after his liver transplant he won a bronze medal in snowboarding at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, making him the first transplant patient to win an Olympic medal.

In this documentary, Klug tells the story of his own transplant while tracking the experiences of two Denver-area women as they go through the transplant process. This emotional film, showing the transplant experience through the eyes of patients, interlaces exciting action footage from Klug's World Cup Tour.

Shown at the historic Paramount Theater in downtown Denver, local stand-up comedian Sam Adams entertained the crowd for the opening act and locals' favorite band Opie Gone Bad performed a concert after the film.



(Joshua Duplechian / Rich Clarkson & Associates)

FACT:

18 PEOPLE DIE EACH DAY
DUE TO THE LACK OF AVAILABLE
ORGANS FOR TRANSPLANT.

2007 EVENTS

Nordstrom Opening Gala

The Foundation was honored to be a beneficiary of the proceeds from the Nordstrom Cherry Creek Grand Opening Gala on October 17, 2007. When a new store opens, the Nordstrom family selects local charities through a competitive interview process to receive the proceeds from the event. Honorary Chair Anabel Bowlen and Event Chair Holly Kylberg, along with their team of over 100 volunteers, developed what the media dubbed “the event of the year.” Fully catered with more than 2,100 guests and a world-class fashion show, this memorable evening was enjoyed by all and raised \$125,000 for the Foundation.



*Tonya Frank, Steve Farber, Holly Kylberg, Anabel Bowlen, Heidi Heltzel and the Nordstrom family
(Steve Crecelius / Wonder Works)*



(Steve Crecelius / Wonder Works)

Aspen Summit for Life

Held in both 2006 and 2007, the Aspen Summit for Life is a week-end of events and activities that demonstrates how organ transplant recipients and living donors can lead healthy, active lives. This pledge-based race reaches out across the country in its message to promote organ and tissue donation. In this exciting race, participants snowshoe or cross country ski up 3,267 vertical feet over a 2.5 mile course—at night—to the summit of Aspen mountain. Racers, and supporters who rode the gondola to the top, enjoyed a party at the summit with live entertainment, delicious food, beer and wine, dancing and prizes.



*Bernie Beuscher crosses the finish line to win the
2007 Summit for Life.
(Joshua Duplechian / Rich Clarkson & Associates)*

2006 EVENTS

Ocean

The Foundation held a fundraiser at Ocean, one of Cherry Creek's newest restaurants, on May 11, 2006. Restaurateur and Foundation board member Jim Sullivan generously offered his new restaurant to showcase the Foundation at an exclusive, by invitation only, pre-opening event. More than 220 diners came out to socialize, sample the sumptuous fare and support the Foundation, raising \$25,000.

Palm Celebrity Waiter Night

The Foundation held Surf, Sizzle and Stars at The Palm in July with celebrity waiters who donned Hawaiian shirts and leis while pandering to the palates of the hundreds of guests who came out to support the Foundation. The fun this evening was often at the expense of the waiters, who had to earn their tips by entertaining the whims of their guests. This event raised \$10,000 for the Foundation.

Rockin' Rhythm for Life - Earth Wind and Fire Concert

Rockin' Rhythm for Life is the American Transplant Foundation's overarching theme for concerts to promote awareness and education. In

August 2006, Earth Wind and Fire played a benefit concert at City Lights Pavilion in Denver to a full house. The band rocked and the audience danced in the aisles. Concert-goers' response to the cause was overwhelmingly supportive, raising \$175,000 for the Foundation.



John (left), kidney recipient, and Dr. Laurence Chan



*Earth Wind & Fire
(Joshua Duplechian / Rich Clarkson & Associates)*



THE YEAR AHEAD

In the year ahead, the following projects will address the American Transplant Foundation's overarching goals to reduce the national waiting list:

- Providing education and awareness through new and expanded community-based outreach programs;
- Fulfilling the commitment to raise \$1 million for the endowment; and
- Implementing more advanced mainstream methods of registering to be an organ donor.

The Foundation will pursue education through community-based outreach programs by participating in various community events, symposia and outreach. For example, the Vail Symposium will host the Foundation to conduct a public forum on transplant tourism, where a panel featuring national and international speakers will discuss the issues surrounding this hot topic. The Foundation will also participate in community events such as the Diabetes Expo and the Colorado Colfax Marathon. Additionally, the Multicultural Strategic Outreach Committee is gearing up to promote targeted community-based education and awareness to provide information about the medical facts leading to the disparity of African Americans and Hispanics needing and receiving lifesaving transplants.

The primary fundraising project for the year will be hosting another benefit concert where legendary band Crosby, Stills & Nash will perform at the Wells Fargo Theater in Denver. In addition to the concert, individual donor development and other fundraising projects will be pursued.

Finally, the Foundation will continue to work with Colorado's state officials to develop more mainstream methods of registering to be an organ and tissue donor. This project includes expanding the state income tax filing program as well as utilizing other state public information avenues.

"I was lucky enough to have a living donor, but not everyone can have a Johnny in their life—trust me."

— Keith



*Keith (left), kidney recipient, with his stepson and living donor, Johnny.
(Marcia Ward / The Image Maker)*

FACT:

EVERY
12 MINUTES

ANOTHER NAME
IS ADDED
TO THE
TRANSPLANT
WAITING LIST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 304,645.69
Furniture, fixtures, art, equipment	\$ 651.77
Total Assets	\$ 305,297.46

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Unrestricted (retained earnings)	\$ 340,864.08
Net Income	\$ (35,566.62)
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 305,297.46

ENDOWMENT - Chair of Transplant Surgery

University of Colorado Hospital	\$ 200,000.00
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